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Mayor signs emergency proclamation in anticipation of TS Darby

LĪHU'E – Mayor Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr. has signed an emergency proclamation as the County of Kaua'i prepares for Tropical Storm Darby to approach the islands. The proclamation follows Governor Ige's proclamation in authorizing the expenditure of funds for disaster-related damages or losses.

"We are urging residents and visitors to be prepared as the latest forecast shows that tropical storm conditions could impact Kaua'i County by Sunday evening through Monday," stated Mayor Carvalho. "Officials and emergency personnel stand ready to respond to any emergencies that could occur as a result of this storm."

The county remains under a Tropical Storm Warning, a Flash Flood Watch, and a High Surf Advisory for all east-facing shores. Effects of the tropical storm could result in localized flash flooding, falling trees, ponding on roadways, rockslides, and other hazards.

In anticipation of inclement weather, State Parks has closed the Kalalau Trail until further notice. Flyovers were conducted today over Polihale and the Na Pali State Park to warn campers and hikers of the impending storm.

The Department of Public Works reports that the Kapa'a refuse transfer station is not accepting green waste until further notice due to muddy conditions.

The Līhu'e Airport remains open; however, travelers are encouraged to contact their airlines directly to check on possible flight delays or cancellations.

The public is reminded that conditions can change quickly. Residents and visitors are urged to monitor weather updates and be prepared to shelter in place or evacuate, if needed.

There are no plans to open shelters at this time; however, the American Red Cross is prepared to open shelters on an as-needed basis. Any Kaua'i shelter openings will be announced to media and posted to the Civil Defense website, www.kauai.gov/civildefense.

The Civil Defense website also includes information on how to prepare a family emergency kit and other emergency preparedness tips.

For weather updates call the National Weather Service automated weather line at 245-6001, or visit the NWS website, www.weather.gov/hawaii.

To sign up for Blackboard Connect, the county's emergency notification service, please go to the county's website, www.kauai.gov, or call the Kaua'i Civil Defense Agency at 241-1800.

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